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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS STAFFING FOR LAOS: OPS

REFS: A. VIENTIANE 6143; B. VIENTIANE 6818; C. STATE

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1. PROPOSAL OUTLINED REFTEL B THAT MAJOR MCBEE MOVE INTO NARCOTIC ATTACHE POSITION AT END OF FULLET'S TOUR WAS PROPOSED TO DEA AND HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED IN BUREAU AND S/NM. DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION TO DEA OF MISSION'S PROPOSAL MET STRONG OPPOSITION, WHICH WE MUST ADMIT WAS CERTAINLY EXPECTED. CONSENSUS NOW IS THAT GIVEN DEA'S FIRM RELUCTANCE TO HAVE MCBEE REPLACE FULLET, FORCING PROPOSAL ON DEA WOULD ONLY INVITE COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES FOR THE MISSION.

QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF C ABOUT MANAGEMENT OF AID-SUPPLIED
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EQUIPMENT WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN PERFORMED BY MAJOR MCBEE

REMAIN UNANSWERED AND HAVE BEEN RAISED AGAIN DURING LAST WEEK. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE SPECIFIC REPLY TO POINTS RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 3, REF C.

3. IF EMBASSY FEELS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF AID-SUPPLIED COMMODITIES CAN BE LODGED IN PROGRAM OFFICE OR ELSEWHERE IN USAID/LAOS AND THAT CONTINUED PRESENCE OF MCBEE AS AID EMPLOYEE FUNDED BY S/NM'S BUDGET WOULD NOT BE AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT, THEN BUREAU AND S/NM NOW WOULD CONCUR IN MISSION'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL (REF A, PARA 4) AS BEST POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION REGARDING MCBEE.

4. REQUEST EARLY EMBASSY RESPONSE. INGERSOLL

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